

**TOWN OF DARIEN
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2009**

ATTENDANCE: Evonne Klein, First Selectwoman; David Bayne, Callie Sullivan

ABSENT: Seth Morton

STAFF: Karl Kilduff, Administrative Officer

CALL TO ORDER

First Selectwoman Klein called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss and take action on Correspondence Regarding Granting Cost-of-Living Adjustment to Police Pensioners

Mr. Kilduff explained that there was a letter in the packet from a resident who believe that the pensions should be annually reviewed. Mr. Kilduff then informed the Board that the last time there had been a cost of living adjustment to the pension was in 2001.

Ms. Sullivan said that the Board might want to establish a practice where the Selectmen review the pensions. Mr. Kilduff suggested that the best time to examine this would be after the January meetings when the actuaries have presented their annual reports. The Board agreed with Mr. Kilduff's assessment.

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO TAKE THE AGENDA OUT OF ORDER.**

**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

October 19, 2009

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2009.**

**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

The following corrections were noted:

Page 2, paragraph 1, line 7 and forward: please correct all references to "CHAFA" to "CHFA".

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 19, 2009 AS CORRECTED PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Minutes of October 28, 2009 Executive Session re: Appointment

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2009 EXECUTIVE SESSION RE: APPOINTMENT AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Minutes of October 28, 2009 Emergency Meeting

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 28, 2009 EMERGENCY MEETING AS SUBMITTED.**

**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Consider and take action on the following appointments:

Linda Santarella (R) as a member of the Darien Police commission for a three year term beginning on 7/1/09 and expiring on 6/30/12.

**** MS. SULLIVAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA SANTARELLA (R) AS A MEMBER OF THE DARIEN POLICE COMMISSION FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON 7/1/09 AND EXPIRING ON 6/30/12.**

Ms. Sullivan said that Ms. Santarella had served for many years and that she had interacted well with the Police Chief.

**** MR. BAYNE SECONDED.**

Mr. Bayne pointed out that Ms. Santarella would be the first woman on the Commission and with the number of female officers on the force, it was time to have a woman's voice on the commission.

**** THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF LINDA SANTARELLA (R) AS A MEMBER OF THE DARIEN POLICE COMMISSION**

FOR A THREE YEAR TERM BEGINNING ON 7/1/09 AND EXPIRING ON 6/30/12 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Ms. Santarella came forward and thanked everyone for the nomination and said that as she now a former Selectwoman, she felt that the outgoing Board had worked hard for all the residents of Darien regardless of the party affiliation. She said that she had worked very hard to bring herself up to speed on the police matters.

Ms. Santarella said that she was the one of the Selectmen who had served with Ms. Klein since Ms. Klein had first been elected. She said that there originally had been rocky patches of road but they had worked out their difference.

Ms. Santarella said that she had enjoyed working with Ms. Klein, Mr. Bayne and Ms. Sullivan. She said that she was grateful for their honoring her with the appointment to the Police Commission.

FIRST SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

Ms. Klein said that Mr. Morton was not able to attend tonight. Ms. Klein said that he had sent an email thanking everyone for his two years on the Board.

Ms. Klein then read a proclamation of appreciation regarding Mr. Morton's achievements and service during his years of service.

Ms. Klein then read a proclamation of appreciation regarding Ms. Santarella's achievements and service during her years of service.

Ms. Klein then said that it had been an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Darien for the last six years. She said that she appreciated working with so many talented individuals. The Board of Selectmen tackled issues such as flooding and affordable housing during its term. The Town has made great progress during the last six years and the Town needs to continue on to meet the challenges of the future. Ms. Klein added that she could not have served without the love and support of her family.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Kilduff said that it has been a pleasure to work with all the Selectmen. He wished everyone the best.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Sullivan then presented Ms. Klein with a copy of "The Story of Darien" by Ken Reese.

Mr. Bayne thanked everyone for the last two years. He said that he had been challenged to rise above the parochial vision of Darien and that this was a landmark of this Board. The Board has challenged itself with difficult issues and proposed solutions. He said that nothing had been off the table except the status quo. Most of the credit for the “can do” attitude is due to Ms. Klein. Mr. Bayne thanked everyone for having the opportunity to serve the Town in the last two years.

Mr. Walter Casey of Webster Valley Road came forward. He pointed out that Ring’s End Lumber was on land that it does not own and that property owner is suing the Town over property taxes. He said that the Republican candidate should have disclosed this and that the Democratic candidate also had an indirect interest in this issue.

Ms. Barbara Thorne came forward and acknowledged the strength of the Board. She said that the Board was communicative and had developed a consensus. The Board tackled some of the most difficult issues in the Town. She thanked the Board for that. The Town needs to continue the momentum and the progress that this Board has started.

Mr. John Davis came forward and said that Ms. Santarella had said it best in that the Board had worked to serve all the residents regardless of party affiliation. He said that people would continue to come forward and thank Ms. Klein for her work. He wished everyone the best for their futures.

AGENDA REVIEW

There was no business to consider at this time.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

November 10, 2009	Planning and Zoning Planning Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
November 10, 2009	Board of Education Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
November 16, 2009	Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting at 8:00 p.m.
November 17, 2009	Board of Finance Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.
November 18, 2009	Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. BAYNE MOVED TO ADJOURN.**
**** MS. SULLIVAN SECONDED.**
**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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